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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REDUCING NOISE LEAKAGE FROM A CABLE
MODEM

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 19-24. All pending claims are presented in the Appendix below. The appendix pages may be treated as substitute pages for the pages of claims in the present specification.

19. (New) A cable modem capable of reducing noise leakage on the upstream channel in a cable plant comprising:

an upstream transmitter having a control line on which the upstream transmitter can emit a control signal;

a switch component capable of being enabled and disabled by the control signal on the control line, such that the control signal from the upstream transmitter to the switch component

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